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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **OHKUBO, Masahiro**

Group Art Unit: **3681**

Serial No.: **10/674,465**

Examiner: **R. L. PANG**

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For: **AUTOMATIC SPEED CHANGE APPARATUS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 5, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: